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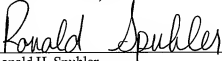
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

The Examiner previously entered a Notice of Allowance, finding that claim 11 of the pending application was allowable. Prior to paying the issue fee, however, Applicants requested continued examination of this case. In their petition requesting continued examination, the Applicants inadvertently included an earlier version of claim 11, leading to the Patent Office entering a Final Office Action on September 25, 2006. While Applicants maintain that the earlier version of claim 11 is allowable, in this response Applicants have amended the claim so that claim 11, as currently pending, parallels the version previously allowed.